

## London Witnesses First Parliament Opening In Years

LONDON, Feb. 10.—London today witnessed for the first time since 1911 the ancient ceremony of a state opening of parliament, with all its traditional pageantry.

King George, Queen Mary, and the prince of Wales, preceded from Buckingham Palace by the royal household in state carriages, escorted by mounted life guards. The royal party was received by members of the house of lords, where King George read the speech from the throne.

The route of the procession through the Mall and down White Hall for more than a mile was lined by military in khaki, the guards regiments not having as yet resumed their scarlet uniforms.

Half an hour before the procession passed through the streets, the crown and sword of state were borne in the royal carriage, surrounded by life guards, from the royal chamberlain's office at St. James palace to the house of lords.

A large group of state dignitaries, in regalia and wearing emblems of their offices, were gathered at the royal entrance beneath the "star of the tower" to receive the king and queen. Entering the building, the king and queen, with their retinue, proceeded up the staircase to the room of state, where the nobility preceded them.

Members of the house of lords rose and bowed low when King George entered, and when the king and queen had seated themselves on the throne, a peer bearing the "cup of maintenance" stationed himself at their right, another carrying the sword of state took his position at their left, and other dignitaries grouped themselves about.

The usher of the black rod, having summoned the house of commons to join the house of lords, the members of the lower house entered, being led by the speaker in official wig and robes, closely followed by the premier and members of the cabinet.

King George, in opening the speech from the throne, said:

"My lords and members, instead of the customary 'My lords and gentlemen,' this innovation was necessitated for the first time in the prorogation of parliament in December by the election of Lady Bessie, who sat in the house of commons. When King George last opened parliament, in February, 1914, his first words were: 'Our relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly.'"

Two hours elapsed from the time the procession started from Buckingham palace until it returned.

## SIXTY CASES OF FLU AT LEXINGTON, TENN.

LEXINGTON, Tenn., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—There are estimated to be some 60 cases of influenza in Lexington, Tenn., the entire family of J. Walter Wright, with two boarders, have been stricken and several of them dangerously ill with the complication of bronchial pneumonia, but all are reported improving today.

## NEGRO BREATHES FIRE, BURNS HANDKERCHIEF

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—Blue Mountain was given a little ripple of surprise by Dr. L. A. Barton, of Little Rock, president of the Baptist state convention of Arkansas, who has just been here to visit his family.

Dr. Barton exhibited a pocket handkerchief about half burned up which he declared had been set on fire by the breath of a negro preacher in Tennessee. Dr. Barton stated that he saw the performance with his own eyes and affirmed that there was no fake about it. The black man believes his unique power was given to him from heaven, and therefore refused to commercialize it for any amount of money. Dr. Barton explained that the negro had been put through all sorts of grilling tests to determine if there was not some trickery about it, and declared that nothing had yet been found. The fire-breathing black minister practices his art continually, though he makes his living by working for a railroad.

## ORGANIZE BRANCH OF COTTON ASSOCIATION

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—The Madison county branch of the American Cotton association was organized here Saturday at a meeting of cotton farmers to the number of about 60. Sam Cobb was elected president, Ed C. Betts, vice-president and R. L. Adair, secretary and treasurer. Commissioner of Agriculture Miles C. Allgood and W. R. Greene, secretary of the Alabama division of the Southern Cotton association, were present and made brief addresses.

Mr. Greene stated that the securities had been received from European cotton mills in payment for 300,000 bales of cotton that the American Cotton association has contracted to deliver and they have been approved. Five thousand bales of cotton will be delivered on this contract by Madison county farmers.

No salary lost. Flu prevented by taking one or two Laxative Quinine Tablets (Van Vleet's) every night. adv.

## FIRE AT HICKMAN.

HICKMAN, Ky., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—The residence of George Wright in West Hickman caught fire from defective fuse yesterday and was under such headway when discovered that it burned almost down before the fire department could respond. Mr. Wright saved all of his household goods.

## PLAN NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

NEWBURN, Tenn., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—The community club at Newburn, west of Newbern, met at the high school auditorium in Ro-Ellen and discussed plans for the erection of a new high school building in that territory.

## News of Rivers

River Bulletin.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 10, 7 a.m.

Pittsburgh 22.2-0.3 .08

Cincinnati 20.2-0.1 .13

Louisville 28.10-0.1 .16

Evansville 35.18-0.5 .10

Nashville 40.25-0.9 .20

Chattanooga 33.12-0.5 .08

Jacksonville 26.16-0.4 .28

Paducah 45.21-0.6 .68

Kansas City 22.7-0.1 .09

St. Louis 30.3-0.1 .06

St. Paul 45.23-0.1 .74

New Madrid 34.23-0.1 .74

MEMPHIS 25.26-0.7 .40

Helena 42.37-0.9 .84

For Smith 22.5-0.1 .36

Little Rock 23.4-0.0 .58

Vicksburg 45.17-0.1 .62

Shreveport 29.21-0.1 .12

New Orleans 18.15-0.1 .09

\*Rise. —Fall.

The river in the Memphis district will fall at a rapid rate for several days.

## Alkali In Soap

Bad For The Hair

Soap should be used very carefully. If you want to keep your hair looking its best, most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and ruins it.

The best thing for steady use is Mul-sified coconut oil shampoo (which is pure and greaseless) and is better than anything else you can use.

One of two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundant, rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get Mul-sified coconut oil shampoo at any pharmacy. It's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months. adv.

## HENDERSON COUNTY COURT ADJOURNS; FLU

LEXINGTON, Tenn., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—The regular February term of the Henderson county circuit court convened yesterday morning with Judge N. R. Barham, of Jackson, on the bench. The grand and regular juries were organized, but at 1:30 o'clock, in the afternoon Judge Barham called the local physicians into conference on the influenza situation and it was the opinion of the doctors that it would be safer to dismiss the court, accordingly the judge announced that the court would be continued until Monday, March 8, when the docket of 193 cases will be heard.

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## PINE BLUFF CLAIMS 30,000 POPULATION

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 10. (Spl.)—The new city directory will be ready for distribution by March 1, and according to its compilers it will show that the population of Pine Bluff is more than 30,000.

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## Pine Bluff Elks Deplore Death Of Dr. Walter Buckner

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"This page is dedicated to the memory of Rev. Walter Davenport Buckner, D. D., LL.D.,

"Chaplain of our lodge.

"Grand chaplain.

"Elected to honorary life membership.

"A gentleman of culture and kindness.

"A minister of gentleness and eloquence.

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